

FAVORABLE TALK BY DE VALERA AGREEMENT SIGNED BY IRISH DELEGATES

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Dublin, Dec. 14.—(By The A. P.)—The question of ratification of the Anglo-Irish agreement was discussed at a public meeting of the Dail Eireann, which was held in the Grand Theatre, Dublin, this evening. De Valera, president of the Dail, and Arthur Griffith, vice-president, were the principal speakers. De Valera contended that the agreement should not have been signed before submission to the Dublin Parliament. He said that the Irish representatives were in positions identical with the British cabinet, each being obligated to refer the treaty to their respective legislatures. He said that the matter was later debated at two secret sessions of the Dail. Another session is to be held today. Communists attempted to distribute pamphlets urging rejection of the treaty.

The premier said the introduction of amendments to the treaty would be a serious question, and that unless the question of entering into the agreement was seriously considered it would be a waste of the time of the house to enter into a debate of it.

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COLLUSIVE BIDDING STILL PREVAILS IN THE INDUSTRY

New York, Dec. 14.—(By The A. P.)—Four preliminary sentences and fines aggregating \$115,000, which were imposed upon members of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which exposed the trust, was today.

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Railroads Ask For Suspension of Order In the Tariff Bill

For Reductions in Rates For Grain and Hay in the Trans-Mississippi Territory—Strong Opposition.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Request for a six months suspension in the reductions recently ordered by the interstate commerce commission on grain, grain products and hay in the trans-mississippi territory was made by the railroad industry and opposed by fifteen western state railroad commissions, agricultural organizations and shippers in hearings today before the federal commission.

Alfred R. Thon, general counsel for the Association of Railway Executives, in proposing the suspension asked the commission to allow the carriers in the territory to raise their rates to 10 per cent. in rates on all products of farm, range, and orchard in all movements in the United States outside of New England.

Clyde H. Reed, chairman of the Kansas utilities commission, asserted that "so far as the western farmer is concerned, the 10 per cent. voluntary offer of the carriers is a delusion. It is a share, and that the 'maneuvering' of the carriers since October have principally been for the purpose of delay."

Clifford Thorne, appearing on behalf of the carriers, declared that the railroad industry had been forced to accept a 10 per cent. reduction in rates on grain and hay in the trans-mississippi territory. He said that the railroad industry had been forced to accept a 10 per cent. reduction in rates on grain and hay in the trans-mississippi territory.

Railroad traffic officials declared they were ready to make a 10 per cent. reduction in rates on grain and hay in the trans-mississippi territory. They said that the railroad industry had been forced to accept a 10 per cent. reduction in rates on grain and hay in the trans-mississippi territory.

Howard Elliott, chairman of the board of the Northern Pacific and a director of the New Haven, in a statement before the commission, said that the railroad industry had been forced to accept a 10 per cent. reduction in rates on grain and hay in the trans-mississippi territory. He said that the railroad industry had been forced to accept a 10 per cent. reduction in rates on grain and hay in the trans-mississippi territory.

The carriers, hardly one of which carried a fair return on a fair value last year, or this year to date," he said, "have offered a voluntary ten per cent. reduction in rates on grain and hay in the trans-mississippi territory. He said that the railroad industry had been forced to accept a 10 per cent. reduction in rates on grain and hay in the trans-mississippi territory.

It is fair to say that high prices during the past year have been a factor in the railroad industry. He said that the railroad industry had been forced to accept a 10 per cent. reduction in rates on grain and hay in the trans-mississippi territory. He said that the railroad industry had been forced to accept a 10 per cent. reduction in rates on grain and hay in the trans-mississippi territory.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—Convicted of passing a \$5,000 bill, raised to \$10,000, for a similar offense, today was sentenced to serve ten years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. It was one of the heaviest sentences ever imposed here for a similar offense.

In the same court, A. Frank W. Hoover, and Andrew Detweiler, assistant disbursing officers of the emergency fleet corporation, were each sentenced to a year and a day in the Atlanta prison. The defendants admitted having staged a "hoax" to get money from the corporation.

New York, Dec. 14.—Proposals for union of all Presbyterian and Reformed churches in the United States have been deferred indefinitely, owing to the refusal of the Reformed churches to agree to a union program, said a report of the special conference investigating the matter, which was held here today.

The report said the various denominations would continue to co-operate as before, though the Council of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, and the Reformed churches, would retain their independent organizations.

The point of disagreement, the report said, was as to whether there should be a complete union, with one general assembly, and a number of regional synods, or a federal union in which the various denominations would preserve their autonomy.

New Haven, Dec. 14.—A temporary state organization of post office clerks has been formed with Charles Ryan of Hartford as president. The vice president is Frank L. Parmelee, of Middletown. The organization is known as the New Haven Post Office Clerks' Association.

Boston, Dec. 14.—The steamer Western was in trouble in mid-ocean, according to radiograms received here today. With fuel almost exhausted and food supplies nearly gone, the steamer sent a distress signal to the nearest ship.

Five cents sold on the New York Stock Exchange were \$5,000 higher than previous sale, selling for \$5,000 each.

DEFERRED DEVELOPMENT FAVORABLE EASTERN NEGOTIATIONS

Japanese Delegates Object to Request by China For Abrogation of Treaties Resulting From Japan's "Twenty-One Demands"—On All the Major Issues of the Naval Ratio the Arms Conference Delegates Have Reached an Agreement.

Washington, Dec. 14. (By The A. P.)—The arms conference delegates have reached an agreement on all the major issues of the naval ratio but are encountering new difficulties in their discussions on the far east.

The American "5-5-3" ratio forms the basis of the naval settlement, but there are to be readjustments in the original American plan to permit Japan to retain her new battleship Mutsu. The United States and Great Britain will be given a compensatory quota of additional ships not yet determined in detail.

In the far eastern negotiations the latest element of controversy is a request by China for abrogation of the treaties resulting from Japan's famous "twenty-one demands." When the request was presented to the far eastern committee of the whole today the Japanese promptly objected and the committee adjourned.

Coming at a time when the Shantung negotiations have reached a stage, the Chinese abrogation proposal has some who believe the prospects of a far eastern agreement, but most of the delegates remain confident of an ultimate solution.

Another meeting of the "Big Three" late today advanced the naval question to the point of a final and detailed settlement, but the final points still to be determined. In all quarters announcement of a complete agreement was regarded as only a question of hours.

As an offset to Japanese retention of the Mutsu, the United States is to retain the super dreadnaughts Washington and Colorado, and an equivalent increase in British capital ship tonnage is to be provided. The details of this British increase constitute the only point still to be decided.

Coupled with the naval agreement in the proposed treaty will be a "status quo" understanding on Pacific fortifications, and there were indications today that the increasing seriousness of the far eastern differences might soon require the principal figures of the conference to turn their efforts to that direction.

China's request for abrogation of the "twenty-one demands" treaties was considered by the conference today. The delegates also took some definite and formal steps toward abolition of existing "spheres of influence" in the far east. There was a discussion in the afternoon of the Japanese request for abrogation of the "twenty-one demands" treaties.

The present point of controversy is the compensation that China is to give for Japanese improvements on the Kwantung Peninsula. The Japanese have asked for \$100,000,000 for the improvements.

It is estimated the Danish steamer Frederick VIII has \$15,000,000 in Russian gold on board coming to this country. The Frederick VIII left Copenhagen on Dec. 13.

Legi Calami, aged 46, of Ansonia, who says he has a wife and two children in Italy, was held in bond for \$15,000 for the murder of a woman named by little girls.

State Master Fred A. Rogers, of the New Haven Superior Court, today called for a law banning cigarette as a "national curse."

A measure has been prepared for introduction in congress with administration approval, to permit the refund of \$50,000 of Cuban sugar in the United States refinery for shipment to export without payment of tariff duties.

Francis Dowd, a high school student, died in a hospital at Wheeling, W. Va., of blood poisoning which according to physicians resulted from a slight scratch on the knee, received in basketball practice three weeks ago.

Safe blowers broke into the office of the Long Beach Press Co., in Long Beach, Cal., and made away with \$2,500 in cash and \$5,000 in promissory notes after wrecking the door of the safe with a high explosive.

Mayer Bessie, of Berlin, told leaders of the rebeller that the City of Berlin is at the end of its financial resources and is facing a \$300,000,000 mark deficit. The city must have a loan or be given governmental aid.

RULING ON SALE OF BREAD IN CONNECTICUT

Hartford, Dec. 14.—All loaves of bread marked with their true weight can be legally sold in Connecticut, said Attorney General Frank E. Newby tonight in an opinion submitted to Superintendent Harley of the state police on the state law of 1921 dealing with the sale of bread.

The law was to protect the public. Police and sealers of weights and measures in several cities of the state have been active under the new bread law and arrests have been made because loaves of bread did not weigh one pound, one and one-half or two pounds. An attorney general had been thus able to officials was that loaves of bread must weigh in multiples of a half pound.

WARRANTS FOR NEW HAVEN "MOVIE" THEATRE OWNERS

New Haven, Dec. 14.—City Attorney Whitaker tonight prepared eight warrants charging the owners of that number of theatres here with operating without licenses. The warrants were issued on complaints filed today by Judge Smith, and it was said they would be served tomorrow.

The controversy is an outgrowth of the fact that the city officials are contending that all theatres in the city have been violating the law in regard to safety in such buildings. In spite of the fact that the city officials are contending that all theatres in the city have been violating the law in regard to safety in such buildings.

The Suburban theatre tonight announced the cancellation of a musical comedy scheduled to be given here tonight. The management said the theatre would remain closed until legal action is taken as to the rights of theatres.

PINTO CABINET OF PORTUGAL HAS RESIGNED

Lisbon, Portugal, Dec. 14.—The cabinet headed by Major Pinto as premier and minister of the interior, has resigned owing to the dissension prevalent in the republic.

Recent dispatches have indicated considerable unrest in Portugal. It was only on November 4 of the year that the cabinet headed by Major Pinto was formed. Senator Pinto reconstructed the cabinet.

WOMAN FIRED OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE

Long Island City, Dec. 14.—Miss Gussie Humann, on trial in the county court on a first degree murder charge in connection with the slaying of Harry Garbo last October, was freed today by Judge Humphrey on the ground that the prosecution had failed to present evidence warranting submission of the case to the jury.

PAWNBROKER'S SAFE WAS TAKEN FROM HIS SHOP

Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 14.—The pawnbroker's safe of Samuel Berkman, weighing 500 pounds, taken from his shop during the night, was found lying in a field near Ruggles today. Berkman said it contained \$1,000 worth of jewelry. All was missing.

WILLMANTIC AUTOIST HELD FOR HARTFORD BOY'S DEATH

Hartford, Dec. 14.—Sylvester Prosper, 8 years old, died in a hospital tonight from injuries received this afternoon when he was struck by an automobile. Edwin C. Ackley of Willmantic, driver of the automobile, was arrested.

Dr. Daniel Appleton White Smith, Boston, today was born at Waterville, Me. While he later, Rev. Dr. Samuel Francis Smith, author of "America's Greatest English Rebel in History," leading an army of rebels on behalf of a rebel government to crush Irishmen who had rebelled against the British government.

Mr. Lloyd George admitted that the British representatives gave only a reluctant assent to family freedom for Ireland, but took into consideration the fact that Ireland was more dependent upon Great Britain in the matter of trade than Great Britain was upon Ireland, and that therefore the question of family freedom for Ireland was not a question of family freedom for Ireland, but a question of family freedom for Ireland.